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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

AMENDMENT

In response to the Examiner's first Office Action of March 22, 2005 the Applicant submits the accompanying Amendment to the specification and claims and the below Remarks directed thereto.

Claims 1-19 are currently pending in the present application. In the Amendment:
page 1 of the specification is amended to replace the current title with --VIDEO PLAYER WITH CODE SENSOR AND METHOD OF OBTAINING VIDEO DATA--;

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the video player includes a body which incorporates the claimed sensor, transmitter, receiver and display device and that the sensor is used to sense coded data which is printed on the claimed substrate. Support for these amendments can be found at page 3, lines 11-13; page 6, lines 2-13; page 7, lines 6-19; and page 13, lines 14-24 of the present specification;

dependent claim 7 is amended to be correctly dependent from claim 6 and to correctly recite that the actuator is a force sensor. Support for this amendment can be found at page 7, line 23-page 8, line 7 of the present specification;

independent claim 9 is amended similar to claim 1 to clarify that the claimed selection data is printed on the substrate and is selected by a selection device incorporated in a video player body;

dependent claims 2-6, 8 and 10-19 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

REMARKS

Regarding Specification Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment of the title addresses the Examiner's concerns regarding the descriptiveness of the present title.

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It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendments of the specification to include the U.S. Application Serial Numbers and Publication/Patent Numbers, where possible, in the present specification addresses the Examiner's concerns regarding updating of the disclosed docket numbers.

Regarding Claim Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment of claim 7 to omit the recitation "a button" clearly provides the necessary correction of claim 7 based on the description at page 7, line 23-page 8, line 7 of the present specification.

Regarding 35 U.S.C. 102(e) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1 and 9, and claims 2-7, 11-17 and 19 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Ellis (US 2004/0226042 A1) for at least the following reasons.

In the present invention, the video player 100 itself is used to scan (sense) machine-readable coded data printed on a surface, such as paper or a like substrate, and output audio and/or visual material from the data. In order to do this, the sensor device 112 is built into the body 114,116 of the player 100, as seen in Figs. 3, 5 and 11, and claimed in amended claims 1 and 9. This arrangement of the claimed invention alleviates the problems of conventional video players which do not provide access to situated video but rather must be used to seek out the desired video material through a virtual space accessible through the player or the video material must be brought to the player in a compatible physical format (see page 1, lines 5-7; page 3, lines 6-13; page 6, lines 2-13; page 7, lines 6-19; and page 13, lines 14-24 of the present specification).

Contrary to the Examiner's contentions, the system of Ellis is the same as these conventional video players. This is because Ellis merely discloses a system in which video-on-demand information displayed on a screen is selected by a user by either pressing on-screen buttons or buttons of a remote control and then the selected video information is sent to the video player (see paragraphs [0030] and [0050]-[0059] of Ellis). Thus, Ellis does not disclose, nor suggest, integrating a sensor for sensing video information printed on a surface into the video player itself.

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Thus, the subject matter of amended independent claims 1 and 9, and claims 2-8 and 10-19 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed by Ellis.

Regarding 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of dependent claims 8, 10 and 18 is not taught or suggested by Ellis for at least the following reasons.

The Examiner has taken Official Notice that it would have been obvious to enter data into the video device of Ellis using a bar code scanner. Whilst the Applicant respectfully disagrees with this contention, even if a bar code scanner were used in the system of Ellis, based on the disclosure of Ellis it would either be provided as a separate unit from the video player or integrated into the remote control, it would not be integrated into the video player itself.

Thus, the subject matter of dependent claims 8, 10 and 18 is not taught or suggested by Ellis.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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